

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7-27, 29-34, and 44 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claim 46 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter recited therein in further applications.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 28, 35-43, 45 and 47 have been allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3, 6, 28, 35-43, 45 and 47 are allowed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

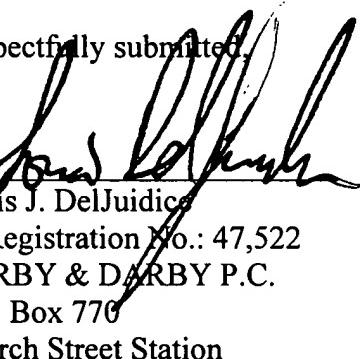
Claim 46 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,411,500 to Gatts. Applicants have canceled claim 46, rendering the rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and the case passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit same. If the Examiner believes there are any remaining issues which can be resolved by a Supplemental Amendment or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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